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SUBJECT: WILSON/COSGRAVE MEETING

REF: DUBLIN 1585

1. ACCORDING TO NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE UNDERSECRETARY TREVELYAN, WILSON/COSGRAVE MEETING NOVEMBER 1 DEALT LARGELY WITH AGRICULTURAL AND RELATED EC ISSUES. IN TERMS OF NI PROBLEM, HE CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS A "NON-EVENT." COSGRAVE, HE SAID, WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION AND UK CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EVENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FAILS. BOTH WILSON AND NI SECRETARY REES REITERATED PREVIOUS ASSURANCES REGARDING DETENTION, CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, POWER-SHARING AND "IRISH DIMENSION," POINTING OUT THAT ANY DECISIONS TAKEN AT CONVENTION WOULD HAVE TO BE RATIFIED BY PARLIAMENT AND THAT PARLIAMENT WILL NOT APPROVE CONSTITUTION WHICH FAILS TO MEET ABOVE CRITERIA. HMG HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER CONCERNING ITS PLANS IN EVENT CONVENTION FAILS, BUT REAFFIRMED PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSITION THAT IT WOULD RETURN TO DIRECT RULE FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

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2. PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT WAS MINIMAL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION QUESTIONS ON NOVEMBER 7,
REES TOLD COMMONS THAT HMG HAS NO INTENTION OF ABANDONING
ITS CURRENT DETENTION POLICY, AS TERMINATION OF THIS
MEASURE WOULD CAUSE DETERIORATION IN SECURITY SITUATION
AND MIGHT LEAD TO "CIVIL WAR SITUATION AKIN TO CYPRUS."

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